

1 because of the failure to put forward projects to use the
2 funds. Illinois would benefit from a unified State process
3 for applying for federal transportation assistance for
4 innovative transportation to work strategies and for
5 supplying the matching funds necessary to access that federal
6 assistance. The purpose of this Article is to establish the
7 Transportation Resources for Innovative Projects Program to
8 prompt the creation of innovative transportation to work
9 strategies at the local level, to assist in the
10 implementation of those strategies, to coordinate the local,
11 State and federal funding of those programs, and to access
12 the maximum of federal transportation to work funding.

13 Section 5-7. Definitions. As used in this Article:

14 "Department" means the Department of Transportation.

15 "TRIP Program" means the Transportation Resources for
16 Innovative Projects Program created by this Article.

17 "JARC" means the Job Access and Reverse Commute grant
18 program of the Federal Transit Administration.

19 Section 5-10. Establishment of Program and Funding.

20 There is established within the Department of Transportation
21 the Transportation Resources for Innovative Projects Program.
22 The TRIP Program shall be funded by appropriation from the
23 General Assembly or by interagency agreement with the
24 Department of Human Services or other departments under
25 Section 5-25 of this Article, or by a combination of those
26 sources.

27 Section 5-15. Functions of Program. The Program shall be
28 a Statewide interagency effort to prompt and support local
29 transportation innovations. It shall have 3 main functions:

30 (a) Administration of an annual process to apply for
31 federal transportation to work assistance under the Job

1 Access and Reverse Commute program, programs administered by
2 the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, or
3 similar programs, or a combination of those programs. This
4 shall include publicizing the process, managing the
5 application and selection process, making applications to the
6 federal government, and identifying local projects to be part
7 of the annual State applications to the federal government.
8 To the extent resources permit, the TRIP Program shall
9 provide grants or guarantee funds to the local projects
10 selected for inclusion in the State applications to complete
11 the State funding matches necessary to access the federal
12 funds.

13 (b) Administration of an annual process to grant funds,
14 to the extent resources permit, to localities for innovative
15 transportation to work strategies not eligible for federal
16 funds.

17 (c) Provision of technical assistance to localities in
18 the devising of innovative transportation to work strategies
19 and in complying with the requirements for federal, State and
20 local funding.

21 Section 5-20. Illinois Coordinating Committee on
22 Transportation. The Illinois Coordinating Committee on
23 Transportation created by the Illinois Coordinating Committee
24 on Transportation Law shall serve as an interagency advisory
25 committee to help develop policy and procedures under the
26 TRIP Program.

27 Section 5-25. Interagency Agreement with Department of
28 Human Services and other Departments. In addition to any
29 other interagency agreements the Department may enter into to
30 implement the TRIP Program, there shall be an interagency
31 agreement with the Department of Human Services. Under the
32 agreement, the departments shall have the following

1 responsibilities.

2 (a) The Department of Human Services shall:

3 (1) provide an annual allotment of funds for
4 disbursement by the Department under the TRIP Program;

5 (2) notify the Department in a timely manner of all
6 State and federal policies, rules, and regulations that
7 may affect the use and disbursement of the funds and
8 provide appropriate assistance for compliance with those
9 requirements; and

10 (3) provide at least one staff member to represent
11 the Department of Human Services on the Illinois
12 Coordinating Committee on Transportation and in the
13 selection process for local transportation programs for
14 State and federal funds under the TRIP Program.

15 (b) The Department shall:

16 (1) ensure that the use of funds transferred from
17 the Department of Human Services is in accordance with
18 laws governing use of those funds and is coordinated with
19 the Department of Human Services;

20 (2) collaborate with the Department of Human
21 Services in selecting the projects to be funded under the
22 Program;

23 (3) account for the use of funds transferred from
24 the Department of Human Services separately from other
25 funds;

26 (4) provide any necessary reports regarding the
27 TRIP Program to the Department of Human Services and the
28 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

29 (d) The Department may enter into similar interagency
30 agreements with other agencies that transfer funds to the
31 Department for the TRIP Program or coordinate their programs
32 with the TRIP Program.

33 Section 5-30. TRIP Program Provisions.

1 (a) The Department annually shall solicit applications
2 from localities for support for local transportation to work
3 strategies. The solicitation and application process shall be
4 timed to allow the Department to submit a package of approved
5 local programs as the Illinois State Consolidated
6 Transportation to Work Plan to the Federal Transit
7 Administration for funding under the Job Access and Reverse
8 Commute program, and to make timely submissions for other
9 sources of federal funds.

10 (b) The annual solicitation and application process
11 shall include 2 types of grants: (i) those fundable under
12 JARC or other federal funding sources, for which the TRIP
13 Program grant shall be adequate, in combination with local or
14 private funds, to complete the "local match" required by JARC
15 or other federal programs, and (ii) those not fundable under
16 JARC or other federal programs but otherwise addressing the
17 purposes of the TRIP Program (for example, car purchase
18 programs). The Department, in conjunction with the Illinois
19 Coordinating Committee on Transportation, shall divide grant
20 funds between these 2 types of proposals each year depending
21 upon the merit of the proposals received and the extent to
22 which they would accomplish the purposes of the TRIP Program,
23 including the maximizing of federal funds. The grants may be
24 spent over a period of up to 24 months.

25 (c) The Department shall annually submit the Illinois
26 State Consolidated Transportation to Work Plan to the Federal
27 Transit Administration for funding under JARC and submit
28 applications for other federal funds as appropriate.

29 (d) The Department shall provide technical assistance to
30 localities in developing transportation strategies, complying
31 with application requirements, including federal
32 requirements, and forming strategic local partnerships to
33 improve the potential success of both the grant application
34 and the local program itself. Local entities eligible for

1 funding under the program include counties, municipalities,
2 public agencies, private entities, non-profit organizations
3 such as, but not limited to, community development
4 corporations, transportation management associations,
5 transportation providers, community action agencies, faith
6 based organizations, and workforce investment boards, and
7 other consortiums. Planning partners may, but need not
8 necessarily, include local workforce investment boards,
9 chambers of commerce, elected officials, Metropolitan
10 Planning Organizations, local plan commissions, and State
11 agencies.

12 (e) The Department's rules for applications by local
13 entities under the Program shall include, but not necessarily
14 be limited to, the following provisions:

15 (1) The local programs should be for implementation
16 of innovative community transportation systems that
17 address a local transportation need or gap; they should
18 use innovative approaches that emphasize both
19 coordination between existing services and programs and
20 the elimination of transportation barriers that limit
21 workforce participation. These programs and services
22 could, for example, be the purchase of rolling stock such
23 as vans, new or expanded operation of transportation
24 routes, creation of auto ownership and drivers licensing
25 programs, new or expanded dial a ride services, vanpool
26 or carpool programs, guaranteed ride home programs, or
27 similar strategies that address local needs and
28 circumstances.

29 (2) To qualify for inclusion in the State
30 application for JARC funding or other federal funding,
31 the applicant must have been involved in the
32 transportation planning process for the region in which
33 the project will operate, or exhibit knowledge of that
34 process and its need statement and have relationships

1 with the local transportation experts in transit
2 authorities or county government.

3 (3) The application must include evidence of a
4 commitment for the funding of a portion of the proposed
5 project from local or private sources (other than State
6 or federal sources). This portion shall not be less than
7 1% nor more than 10% of the total project costs. The
8 Department shall provide by rule for a sliding scale for
9 these local funding commitments based upon the relative
10 resources in localities, so that the contribution of
11 communities with the least resources is 1% and of
12 communities with the most resources is 10%. The
13 Department shall use an objective measure such as the
14 poverty rate or the tax base in establishing the sliding
15 scale and shall update it annually.

16 ARTICLE 10

17 Section 10-1. Short title. This Article may be cited as
18 the Illinois Coordinating Committee on Transportation Law.

19 Section 10-5. Definitions. As used in this Article:

20 (1) "Agency" means an official, commission,
21 authority, council, department, committee, division,
22 bureau, board, or any other unit or entity of the State,
23 a municipality, a county, or other local governing body
24 or a private not-for-profit transportation service
25 providing agency.

26 (2) "Committee" means the Illinois Coordinating
27 Committee on Transportation.

28 (3) "Coordination" means the arrangement for the
29 provision of transportation services to the
30 transportation disadvantaged in a manner that is
31 cost-effective, efficient, and reduces fragmentation and

1 duplication of services.

2 (4) "Transportation disadvantaged" means those
3 persons who, because of physical or mental disability,
4 income status, age, location of residence, or other
5 reasons are unable to transport themselves or to purchase
6 affordable transportation and are, therefore, dependent
7 upon others to obtain access to health care, employment,
8 education, shopping, social activities, or other
9 life-sustaining activities.

10 Section 10-10. Committee. The Illinois Coordinating
11 Committee on Transportation is created and shall consist of
12 the following members:

13 (1) The Lieutenant Governor or her or his designee.

14 (2) The Secretary of Transportation or his or her
15 designee.

16 (3) The Secretary of Human Services (or his or her
17 designee) and one additional representative of the
18 Department of Human Services designated by the Secretary.

19 (4) The Director of Aging or his or her designee.

20 (5) The Director of Public Aid or his or her
21 designee.

22 (6) The Director of Commerce and Community Affairs
23 or his or her designee.

24 (7) A representative of the Illinois Rural Transit
25 Assistance Center.

26 (8) A person who is a member of a recognized
27 statewide organization representing older Illinoisans.

28 (9) A representative of centers for independent
29 living.

30 (10) A representative of the Illinois Public
31 Transportation Association.

32 (11) A representative of an existing transportation
33 system that coordinates and provides transit services in

1 a multi-county area for the Department of Transportation,
2 Department of Human Services, Department of Commerce and
3 Community Affairs, or Department on Aging.

4 (12) A representative of a statewide organization
5 of rehabilitation facilities or other providers of
6 services for persons with one or more disabilities.

7 (13) A representative of the Illinois Planning
8 Council on Developmental Disabilities.

9 (14) A representative of a statewide organization
10 of community action agencies.

11 The Lieutenant Governor shall appoint the members of the
12 Committee other than those named in paragraphs (1) through
13 (6) of this Section. The Lieutenant Governor or his or her
14 designee shall serve as chairperson of the Committee and
15 shall convene the meetings of the Committee. The Secretary of
16 Transportation and the Secretary of Human Services, or their
17 designees, shall serve as vice-chairpersons and shall be
18 responsible for staff support for the committee.

19 Section 10-15. Duties of committee. The Committee shall
20 foster the coordination of public and private transportation
21 services, with special attention paid to services directed
22 toward those populations who are currently not served or who
23 are underserved by existing public transit. The Committee
24 shall aim to reduce duplicative services in order to achieve
25 a transportation system that serves the most citizens
26 possible in the most cost-effective and efficient manner
27 possible. Specifically, the committee shall:

28 (1) Coordinate State efforts within federal
29 guidelines to facilitate coordination of human service
30 transportation programs.

31 (2) Establish statewide priorities and draft a
32 strategic plan. These priorities should include:
33 developing objectives for providing essential

1 transportation services to the transportation
2 disadvantaged; developing a unified state request for
3 funds from federal sources such as the Job Access and
4 Reverse Commute (JARC) Grant program that is based on
5 local plans from communities statewide; identifying funds
6 from other available sources for projects that are not an
7 eligible use of JARC funds; and developing a long-range
8 plan to identify and recruit potential stakeholders in
9 future community transportation initiatives.

10 (3) Develop goals and objectives to reduce
11 duplication of services and achieve coverage that is as
12 complete as possible.

13 (4) Address any and all transportation barriers
14 and propose solutions, such as multi-agency involvement,
15 to eliminate these barriers.

16 (5) Serve as a clearinghouse for information about
17 funding sources and innovations in serving the
18 transportation disadvantaged.

19 (6) Oversee administration of the Transportation
20 Resources for Innovative Projects Program.

21 (7) Submit a report, not later than February 1,
22 2002, to the Governor and the General Assembly that
23 outlines the progress made by the Committee in performing
24 its duties set forth in paragraphs (1) through (6) of
25 this Section and makes recommendations for statutory and
26 regulatory changes to promote coordination.

27 ARTICLE 99

28 Section 99-99. Effective date. This Act takes effect
29 upon becoming law."